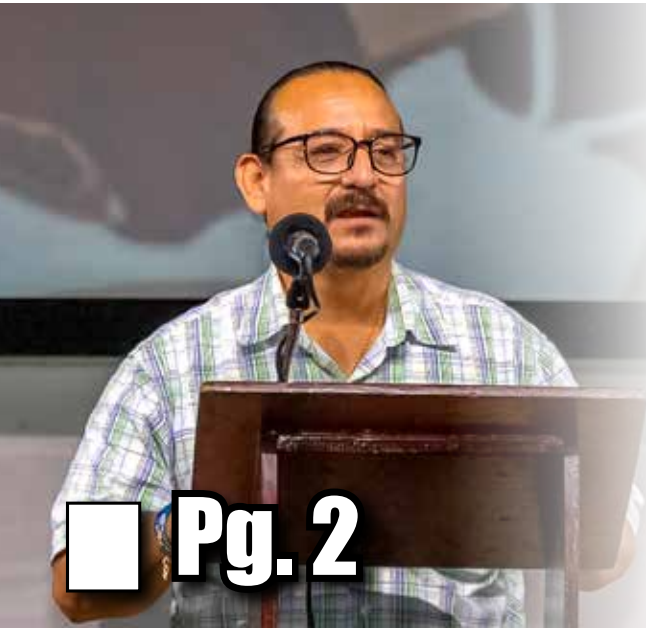




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2017-2021 AUDIT INDICTS HIS PERFORMANCE

Mayor Cawich Presents Findings at Community Meeting



"In many cases, lands and assets were sold at undervalued amounts...Exchanges were not always one to one. Wrongdoing was committed." –
Belmopan Mayor Pablo Cawich



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ADVERSE OPINION

INDEPENDENT AUDIT FINGERS KHALID FOR MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS

LOSSES OF 4.6 MILLION TO THE BELMOPAN CITY COUNCIL



At the United Democratic Party’s (UDP’s) wishy washy press briefing, which was initiated by the Leader of the Opposition (LOO), Tracy Taeger-Panton, at their Headquarters at the foothills of the Bel-China bridge, the LOO named Khalid Belilse as the caretaker of choice for the Garden City. Seriously! After ranting about corruption in her shameful attempt to discredit the National Health Insurance (NHI) program, Tracy's choice is a guttersniper who, as a recent release indicated, was involved in financial misappropriation and mismanagement of public funds at the Belmopan City Council during his tenure as Mayor for the years ending March 31, 2019, 2020, and 2021.

The Financial Statements for the aforementioned financial periods were audited by the external auditor, Cedric D Flowers, Certified Public Accountant, in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs), who expressed an adverse opinion on those financial statements for the respective period. In an article by the City of London Finance Initiative (CLFI), it declared that an adverse opinion is issued under the International Standard on Auditing (705), which governs modifications to the auditor's report when the financial statements cannot be accepted. Furthermore, the article opined that an adverse opinion sits at the most severe end of the spectrum of where the financial statements contain misstatements, so material and pervasive that they undermine the reliability of the statements as a whole.

Although the findings considered the three periods, it is stated that the matters giving rise to the adverse opinion on the financial statements for the years ended March 31, 2018, continued to affect the following periods to March 31, 2020, specifically. Without detailing the audits in their entirety, the pervasive uncertainty and the lack of substantiation regarding key balances and transactions include InnovaBel Land Liability and continued prohibited transactions with the Council under Khalid Belilse, who continued to engage in prohibited “sales-like” transactions for residential plots on InnovaBel Land with collections treated as “Customers Deposits”. The audit report submitted that the lack of external validation for the acquisition liability and the impropriety of these ongoing sales-like transactions impacted the fair presentation of liabilities, potential assets, and the recognition of revenue. Another issue was that the Council continued to engage in the sales of infrastructure lands without formal Council approval, and instances of unsubstantiated trade-offs and set-offs against accounts receivable resulting in unrecorded revenues, which continued during the year. The Belmopan City Council officials say that the losses amounted to four-point-six million dollars to the Garden City municipality.

Belmopan City Council Financial Director, Flavio Tzalam, presented the findings on Thursday at a public meeting, outlining the conclusions reached by the independent auditor and Certified Public Accountant, Cedric Flowers. Tzalam noted that the audits pointed to substantial losses incurred during the financial periods of review. The audits also represent Mayor Pablo Cawich's pragmatic stewardship to strengthen accountability and to ensure that the public resources of the Belmopan municipality are managed responsibly. Undoubtedly, the egregious actions of the UDP caretaker of choice by Shameless Tracy have not only adversely affected the Belmopan City Council's operations, but have also impacted areas of development that could have been directed to the residents of the Garden City. The Mayorship of Belmopan and the City Councillors continue to demonstrate their commitment to transparency and accountability in the service to the municipality.

By Hilly Bennett

Government of Belize - MRTCDLG

15 Villages Better Access to Water

\$340K Total Water System Infrastructure More Upgrades Coming



June 17, 2026 - Fifteen rural communities across the Cayo, Stann Creek, and Toledo districts are expected to benefit from improved access to water system infrastructure following the handover of BZ\$340,000 worth of equipment by the Ministry of Rural Transformation, Community Development, and Local Government.

The initiative forms part of the Ministry's ongoing efforts to strengthen rural development by helping villages improve the management, maintenance, and sustainability of their water systems. Government officials say the investment aims to ensure residents have access to safe, reliable water while encouraging communities to take greater ownership of local resources.

The donation package included water tanks, pipes, water meters, plumbing materials, culverts, weed eaters, and a lawnmower. These items are intended to assist village councils in operating and maintaining their water infrastructure while reducing maintenance challenges that can affect service delivery.

Speaking during Monday's handover ceremony, President of the National Association of Village Councils, Rosaura Chan, emphasized that the equipment represents both an opportunity and a responsibility: *"The true value of these resources will not be measured by what is received today, but by how well they are maintained and how many lives they continue to improve in the years ahead."* She continued, *"The strength of Belize is not found only in towns and cities. It is found in our villages."*

Minister of Rural Transformation, Community Development and Local Government, Hon. Oscar Requena, described the initiative as evidence of the Government's commitment to investing in rural communities. *"We have a commitment to serve the people,"* he stated while encouraging residents to recognize the significance of continued investments in local development projects.

Several area representatives also welcomed the programme and its potential impact on their residents. Area Representative

for Toledo East, Hon. Osmond Martinez, noted that three communities within his constituency—Bladen Village, San Isidro Village, and Bella Vista Village—will directly benefit from the assistance.

According to Martinez, improving access to basic services in rural Belize can have a meaningful impact on the quality of life of families and communities.

"Our Prime Minister, the Hon. John Briceño, understands the needs in the rural areas very clearly. We can definitely change the life of one person, one family, one household at a time."

Stann Creek West Area Representative, Hon. Rodwell Ferguson, described the programme as unprecedented, pointing to the frequency with which the ministry is rolling out similar support initiatives.

"This ministry does this maybe twice a month. It's unprecedented. I've never seen it happen in the past administration."

Meanwhile, Dangriga Area Representative Hon. Dr. Louis Zabaneh underscored the importance of ensuring public resources are used to improve the lives of Belizeans. He said initiatives such as the equipment handover demonstrate how taxpayer funds, grants, and development financing can be directed toward projects that create meaningful benefits for communities.

"As I look at things in our country, I see these events like right now as exceptionally important," Zabaneh said.

This latest distribution reflects the Government's broader objective of empowering villages to become stronger and more self-sufficient. By equipping local leaders with the tools needed to maintain critical infrastructure, as well as ensuring communities are better positioned to manage their resources, improve service delivery, and achieve greater financial independence in the years ahead.



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EDITORIAL

ADVERSE AUDIT OPINIONS Means Betrayal of Public Trust

The people of the city of Belmopan entrusted the last UDP City Council with the responsibility of managing public resources honestly, competently, and transparently. Every property tax payment, every trade license fee, every building permit, and every dollar collected from residents carried with it a simple expectation: that public funds would be managed in a manner worthy of public trust.

The 2017-2021 adverse audit opinion issued on the financial statements of the Belmopan City Council represents a serious challenge to that trust. Former Mayor Khalid Belisle, head of that council, was elected and entrusted with providing the promised good governance, yet the findings show potential losses of over 4 million dollars from land transactions, land sales, trade-offs, and questionable set-offs. These losses, rather than benefiting the people of Belmopan, showed disregard for fundamental principles of public administration and a lack of carefully monitored internal controls.

An adverse audit opinion is not a minor accounting issue. It is not a technical footnote buried in a financial report. It is the most serious opinion an independent auditor can issue. It means the financial statements are materially and pervasively misstated and cannot be relied upon as a true representation of the institution's financial position. In simple terms, auditors concluded that the financial records presented could not be trusted to accurately reflect the Council's affairs.

That conclusion should concern every taxpayer in Belmopan, especially noting that Khalid Belisle now seeks higher representation of the people of Belmopan. Had it not been for current Mayor Pablo Cawich, with due concern for efficient financial management of the people's money, would these derelictions have come to light? The people of Belmopan have a right to ask how the capital city's finances reached a point where auditors were unable to place confidence in the financial statements. They have a right to ask why weaknesses were not corrected before they escalated into findings serious enough to warrant an adverse opinion. Most importantly, they have a right to demand accountability from those who held positions of authority during the period under review.

Leadership carries obligations. Public officials are not elected merely to attend ceremonies, cut ribbons, or deliver speeches. They are elected to provide oversight, establish accountability, ensure proper systems are functioning, and protect the resources entrusted to them by the public. As a consequence, Ex-Mayor Belisle's performance earns that same adverse opinion.

While mayors are not expected to prepare financial statements themselves, they are expected to ensure that competent financial controls, reporting systems, and oversight mechanisms are in place. When those systems fail so comprehensively that auditors issue the most severe opinion available, questions about leadership are both inevitable and justified.

The uncomfortable reality is that adverse audit opinions do not emerge overnight. They are often the result of weaknesses that develop over time, weak controls, inadequate oversight, poor record keeping, ineffective monitoring, and failures to address problems before they become crises. The audit may not accuse anyone of fraud. It may not allege corruption. But that should not distract from the central issue before the public. The issue is whether taxpayers received the level of stewardship they were entitled to expect from their municipal government.

For residents who faithfully paid their taxes and fees, the findings are more than accounting deficiencies. They represent a breakdown in confidence. Residents deserve to know that public funds are being properly managed. Businesses deserve confidence that municipal finances are being administered responsibly. The public deserves financial records that withstand independent scrutiny. Instead, taxpayers were presented with financial statements that auditors determined were not reliable. That should never be acceptable in any public institution. It is particularly troubling when it occurs in the capital city.

Public confidence is difficult to build and easy to lose. Once residents begin to question whether public institutions are properly managing their resources, confidence in government itself can be undermined. That is why transparency, accountability, and sound financial management are not optional. They are essential pillars of good governance. The lesson from the audit extends beyond a single financial year. It serves as a warning to every public institution that weak governance has consequences. It demonstrates what can happen when oversight mechanisms fail to operate at the level the public expects. Belmopan taxpayers deserve better governance than what Ex-Mayor Belisle offered.

Today, the people of Belmopan deserve answers for what can be called transgressions in the UDP. They deserve accountability and transparency, clearly offered by the PUP and Mayor Cawich. They deserve a clear understanding of how these deficiencies arose and of the lessons learned from them. Most of all, they deserve confidence that such failures will not be repeated. An adverse audit opinion is more than a finding on a balance sheet. It is a verdict on the effectiveness of governance systems during the period under review. It is a reminder that public office carries responsibilities that cannot be ignored and accountability that cannot be avoided.

Belmopan taxpayers deserved better then, and now the openness served by the PUP and Mayor Cawich.

en Español

LAS OPINIONES DE AUDITORIA DESFAVORABLES

Significan una Traición a la Confianza Pública

Los habitantes de la ciudad de Belmopán le confiaron al último Consejo Municipal del UDP la responsabilidad de administrar los recursos públicos con honestidad, competencia y transparencia. Cada pago del impuesto a la propiedad, cada cuota de licencia comercial, cada permiso de construcción y cada dólar recaudado de los residentes conllevaban una expectativa sencilla: que los fondos públicos se administraran de manera digna de la confianza pública.

El dictamen desfavorable de auditoría correspondiente al período 2017-2021, emitido sobre los estados financieros del Concejo Municipal de Belmopán, representa un grave desafío para esa confianza. El exalcalde Khalid Belisle, quien presidía ese consejo, fue elegido y se le confió la tarea de brindar el buen gobierno prometido; sin embargo, los hallazgos revelan pérdidas potenciales de más de 4 millones de dólares derivadas de transacciones y ventas de terrenos, intercambios y compensaciones cuestionables. Estas pérdidas, en lugar de beneficiar a la población de Belmopán, evidenciaron un desprecio por los principios fundamentales de la administración pública y una falta de controles internos debidamente supervisados.

Una opinión desfavorable de auditoría no es un problema contable menor. No es una nota al pie de página de carácter técnico oculta en un informe financiero. Es la opinión más grave que puede emitir un auditor independiente. Significa que los estados financieros contienen errores materiales y generalizados y que no se puede confiar en ellos como representación fiel de la situación financiera de la institución. En términos sencillos, los auditores concluyeron que no podían confiar en que los registros financieros presentados reflejaran con precisión las operaciones del Consejo.

Esa conclusión debería preocupar a todos los contribuyentes de Belmopán, especialmente si se tiene en cuenta que Khalid Belisle ahora busca un cargo de mayor representación para la gente de Belmopán. De no haber sido por el actual alcalde, Pablo Cawich, y su debida preocupación por la gestión eficiente del dinero del pueblo, ¿habrían salido a la luz estas negligencias? La población de Belmopán tiene derecho a preguntar cómo las finanzas de la capital llegaron a un punto en el que los auditores no pudieron confiar en los estados financieros. Tiene derecho a preguntar por qué no se corrigieron las deficiencias antes de que se agravaran hasta convertirse en hallazgos lo suficientemente graves como para justificar una opinión desfavorable. Y, lo más importante, tiene derecho a exigir la rendición de cuentas a quienes ocuparon cargos de autoridad durante el período objeto de revisión.

El liderazgo conlleva obligaciones. Los funcionarios públicos no son elegidos simplemente para asistir a ceremonias, cortar cintas ni pronunciar discursos. Son elegidos para ejercer la supervisión, establecer la rendición de cuentas, garantizar el adecuado funcionamiento de los sistemas y proteger los recursos que el público les ha confiado. En consecuencia, la gestión del exalcalde Belisle merece la misma opinión desfavorable.

Si bien no se espera que los alcaldes preparen ellos mismos los estados financieros, sí se espera que se aseguren de que existan controles financieros, sistemas de reporte y mecanismos de supervisión competentes. Cuando esos sistemas fallan de manera tan generalizada que los auditores emiten la opinión más severa posible, las preguntas sobre el liderazgo son tanto inevitables como justificadas.

La incómoda realidad es que las opiniones de auditoría desfavorables no surgen de la noche a la mañana. A menudo son el resultado de deficiencias que se desarrollan con el tiempo, controles débiles, supervisión inadecuada, mantenimiento deficiente de los registros, monitoreo ineficaz y la incapacidad de abordar los problemas antes de que se conviertan en crisis. Es posible que la auditoría no acuse a nadie de fraude. Quizás no alegue corrupción. Pero eso no debe desviar la atención del tema central que se presenta ante el público. La cuestión es si los contribuyentes recibieron el nivel de administración que tenían derecho a esperar de su gobierno municipal.

Para los residentes que pagaron fielmente sus impuestos y cuotas, los hallazgos van más allá de simples deficiencias contables. Representan una ruptura de la confianza. Los residentes merecen saber que los fondos públicos se administran adecuadamente. Las empresas merecen tener la confianza de que las finanzas municipales se administran de manera responsable. El público merece registros financieros que resistan un escrutinio independiente. En cambio, a los contribuyentes se les presentaron estados financieros que, según determinaron los auditores, no eran confiables. Eso nunca debería ser aceptable en ninguna institución pública. Es particularmente preocupante cuando ocurre en la capital.

La confianza pública es difícil de construir y fácil de perder. Una vez que los residentes comienzan a cuestionar si las instituciones públicas administran adecuadamente sus recursos, la confianza en el gobierno puede verse socavada. Es por eso que la transparencia, la rendición de cuentas y la gestión financiera sólida no son opcionales. Son pilares esenciales del buen gobierno. La lección de la auditoría va más allá de un solo ejercicio fiscal. Sirve como advertencia para todas las instituciones públicas de que una gobernanza débil tiene consecuencias. Demuestra lo que puede suceder cuando los mecanismos de supervisión no funcionan al nivel que el público espera. Los contribuyentes de Belmopán merecen una mejor gobernanza que la que ofreció el exalcalde Belisle.

Hoy, la gente de Belmopán merece respuestas sobre lo que puede considerarse una transgresión durante el período del UDP. Merece rendición de cuentas y transparencia, algo que claramente han ofrecido el PUP y el alcalde Cawich. Merece entender con claridad cómo surgieron estas deficiencias y cuáles son las lecciones aprendidas de ellas. Sobre todo, merecen la confianza de que tales fallas no se repitan. Un dictamen de auditoría desfavorable es más que una constatación en el balance general. Es un veredicto sobre la eficacia de los sistemas de gobernanza durante el período objeto de revisión. Es un recordatorio de que los cargos públicos conllevan responsabilidades que no pueden ignorarse y una rendición de cuentas que no puede eludirse.

Los contribuyentes de Belmopán merecían algo mejor en aquel entonces y ahora merecen la transparencia que ofrecen el PUP y el alcalde Cawich.



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June 17 2026 - Excitement, community pride, and youth development took center stage as the Corozal Bay Mundialito 2026 officially kicked off, bringing together families, athletes, and supporters from across the district in one of Belize’s largest sporting events of the year.

The tournament opened with a vibrant procession from the Round House to the Andres Campos Civic Centre, where participants and supporters gathered to celebrate the start of the competition. This year’s Mundialito features 28 teams from throughout the Corozal District, with more than 150 matches scheduled to determine the eventual champions. The event has already generated tremendous enthusiasm, with players and spectators embracing the spirit of sportsmanship, teamwork, and community engagement.

Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez, Area Representative for Corozal Bay, expressed her support for the tournament and emphasized the importance of providing opportunities for young people to develop their talents through organized sports. The Mundialito continues to serve as a platform that promotes healthy lifestyles, positive social interaction, and community unity while showcasing the athletic abilities of participants from across the district.

The commitment to strengthening sports and recreational opportunities extends beyond the football field. Major rehabilitation works are currently underway at the Rolando Alcoser Park Dome Basketball Court. Recent upgrades include the installation of two new rims and backboards, as well as the complete replacement of lighting fixtures, breakers, and the breaker box. These improvements were made possible through collaboration with Benny’s Enterprises Limited and the efforts of community partners who assisted with the installation works. The ongoing rehabilitation aims to restore the facility to full functionality and provide residents with a safe and modern sporting venue.

Alongside investments in sports infrastructure, development projects continue throughout Corozal Bay. Road improvement works have progressed steadily in several areas, enhancing safety, accessibility, and the overall appearance of the town. The second coat of paving has been completed on Park Street South, Santa Rita Road, and 3rd Street North, while similar works are being carried out on Park Street North and 2nd Street North. Additional road upgrades are planned for sections of 10th Avenue, 9th Avenue, 3rd Street North, and connecting streets, reflecting a broader effort to modernize



transportation infrastructure and improve daily travel for residents and motorists.

Residents of the Port Saul area also received positive news with confirmation that streets serving Christiline Gill Primary School, the Shalom Seventh Day Adventist Church, and surrounding neighborhoods are scheduled for paving in the coming days. These projects are expected to improve road conditions, enhance safety, and provide smoother access for the community.

Community development efforts have also focused on strengthening neighborhood partnerships. A recent Neighborhood Watch meeting in the Venezuelan Site community brought together residents, police, community leaders, and Hon. Garcia-Ramirez to discuss public safety, drainage concerns, street improvements, community events, and fundraising initiatives. Following the meeting, participants assessed the Venezuelan Site Park to identify opportunities for upgrades to make the space safer and more enjoyable for families and children.

Economic empowerment has likewise remained a priority. Through BELTRAIDE’s Empower Her Corozal initiative, women entrepreneurs participated in two days of leadership and financial development training. Sessions focused on self-leadership, emotional intelligence, budgeting, and financial literacy, while expert speakers provided guidance on economic growth and investment opportunities. Participants concluded the programme by receiving certificates in recognition of their commitment to personal and professional advancement. -EF

As the Mundialito captures the district’s attention, the event stands as a symbol of the broader progress underway across Corozal Bay. From sports and infrastructure to community development and economic empowerment, ongoing initiatives continue to create opportunities and strengthen the quality of life for residents. The energy surrounding the tournament reflects a community moving forward together, united by shared goals and a vision for a stronger future.



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The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the Program’s proceeds to procure the services of a Company for the “**Design and Construction of Market Complex, Orange Walk Town, Belize**”, and invites eligible and qualified bidders to submit sealed bids for these works.

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The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of \$200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Tuesday, 7 July 2026 and will be redeemed on Tuesday, 6 October 2026.

Each tender must be for \$200 or a multiple of \$200. Bid yields must be submitted to five decimal places.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to bids@centralbank.org.bz or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 3 July 2026.

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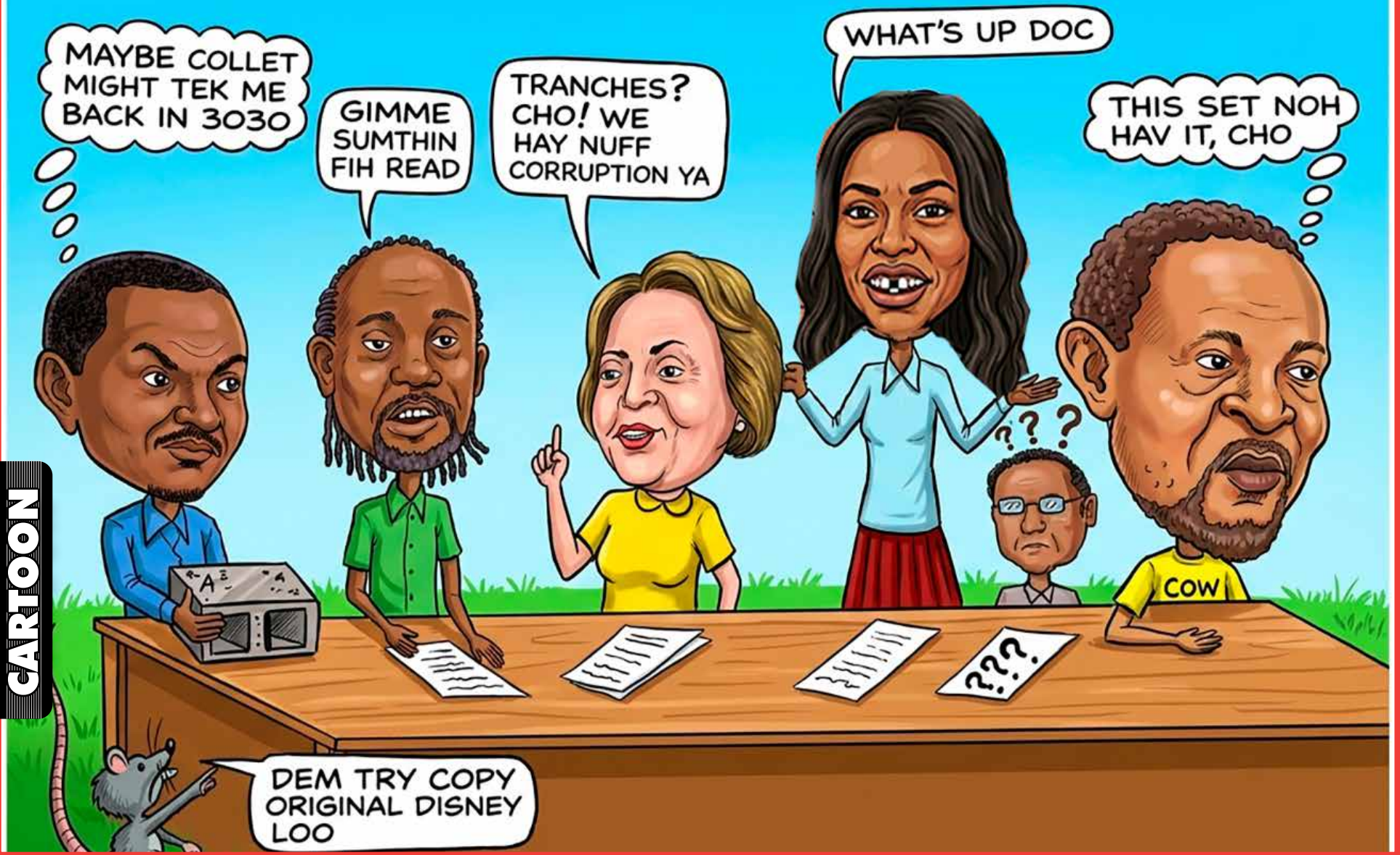
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Invest in Toledo's Future



June 16, 2026 - Education leaders, government officials, and development partners gathered in Toledo this week to launch two major infrastructure projects that promise to strengthen learning opportunities and improve community resilience in southern Belize.

The ceremonies marked significant investments in both primary and secondary education, with groundbreakings held for the Trio Government School Classroom Construction Project and a new STEAM Pavilion at Toledo Community College (TCC).

Trio Government School Classroom Construction Project

In the village of Trio, work is set to begin on a modern classroom facility designed to provide students with a safer and more inclusive learning environment. The project is being co-financed by the Caribbean Development Bank and the Government of Belize and will be implemented through the Ministry of Education, Culture, Science, and Technology.

Serving not just as an educational facility, the structure has been designed with disaster preparedness in mind. The building will function as a community hurricane shelter during emergencies, providing residents with a secure location when severe weather threatens the area. Accessibility has also been incorporated into the design, with full ramp infrastructure ensuring that differently-abled individuals can easily access the facility.

This project reflects a commitment to ensuring that rural communities receive quality educational infrastructure while addressing broader community needs.

Steam Pavilion

Meanwhile, in Punta Gorda Town, another groundbreaking ceremony signaled the beginning of construction on a state-of-the-art STEAM Pavilion at Toledo Community College. The project, valued at more than \$2 million, is expected to transform learning opportunities for nearly 800 secondary school students throughout the district.

Funded through a partnership involving the Government of Belize and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the facility will focus on Science,

Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM), equipping students with practical skills needed in an increasingly technology-driven world.

Toledo East Area Representative Hon. Dr. Osmond Martinez, *"The students of the South have always stood out; the districts of Toledo and Stann Creek have long produced talented leaders, entrepreneurs, artists, scientists, educators, and innovators. Regardless of circumstances or geographic limitations, the people of the South have always prevailed."*

He noted that the new facility will help students develop the critical thinking, creativity, and technological skills increasingly demanded by employers and modern economies.

CEO in the Ministry of Education, Dian Maheia, said, *"The first message that I want to bring to you is really simple. It is that the Government of Belize is future-focused,"* highlighting the Government's commit-

ment to preparing Belizean students for the future through investments in innovative learning spaces.

She continued, *"All of this will be of no use if you don't use it, if you don't fill these spaces with your brilliant minds and your crazy ideas and your hard questions and your positive energy, this will be a wasted opportunity."* She challenged students and teachers to fully embrace the opportunities the facility will provide.

Chairman of the TCC Board of Governors, Anthony Fuentes, said, *"This project is more than the construction of a building. It is an investment in the future of our students, our community, and the nation of Belize,"* Fuentes said.

According to Fuentes, the pavilion will include a science laboratory, recording studio, makerspace, learning street, and other specialized educational areas designed to promote innovation and experiential learning. These facilities are expected to provide students with hands-on opportunities that support academic achievement and workforce readiness.

Together, the two projects represent a significant boost for education in Toledo. While one initiative focuses on strengthening educational access and community safety in a rural village, the other aims to foster innovation and advanced learning at the secondary level. Officials say both investments demonstrate a shared commitment to ensuring that students in southern Belize have access to modern facilities that prepare them for success while supporting the long-term development of their communities. -EF





WHAT IS THE BLUE TEDDY BEAR CAMPAIGN?

A NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION INITIATIVE BY: MINISTRY OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, FAMILY SUPPORT AND GENDER AFFAIRS, UNICEF BELIZE, AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN (NCFC).



Launched to break the silence surrounding child abuse and sexual violence, while empowering communities to protect children.

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WHAT DOES THE BLUE TEDDY BEAR MEAN?



THE TEDDY BEAR: Comfort, Love, and Protection.



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JOIN US AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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Learn More & Support the Cause.

PM ATTENDS COCESNA MEETING IN SPAIN



June 12, 2026 - The Office of the Prime Minister informs that Hon. John Briceño attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of COCESNA (the Central American Air Navigation Services Corporation) in Madrid, Spain, earlier this week.

The Board was in Madrid at the invitation of Indra Sistemas SA, one of the world’s primary suppliers of primary and secondary aeronautical radars. They also held discussions with other suppliers of civil aviation equipment, as well as the consultants working on the integration

of aeronautical systems for the member countries of COCESNA.

Board members took the opportunity to visit several plants to observe new aeronautical technology first-hand.

Prime Minister Briceño was accompanied by Narda Garcia, Chief Executive Officer in the Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Investment and Civil Aviation. Both serve on the Board of COCESNA on behalf of Belize. (re-lease)

PARK STREET NORTH & 2ND STREET NORTH Paving Continues in Corozal Bay

Hon. Thea: “Corozal, I hear you. I feel you, I will keep working for you!”

The Hon. Thea Garcia Ramirez is pleased to announce that the application of the second coat of pavement on Park Street North and 2nd Street North done on Tuesday June 16.

The work continues in the improvement in the functionality, safety, and overall aesthetics of Corzal Town.

Hon. Thea: “Corozal, I hear you. I feel you, I will keep working for you!”



LETTER
TO THE Editor

Investing in Belize's Future

Dear Editor,

The recent misinformation surrounding the Government’s BZ\$73 million investment in Belize’s energy sector deserves clarification. Some have attempted to label this investment as a bailout, but the facts tell a very different story.

Under the previous UDP administration led by Dean Barrow, the Social Security Board (SSB) invested heavily in Belize Electricity Limited (BEL). In 2012, SSB approved a BZ\$15 million investment to help stabilize the utility and restructure its debt. In 2017, another BZ\$15 million in BEL shares was purchased from the Government, a move personally defended by then-Prime Minister Barrow as a sound investment offering strong returns. By the end of that administration, SSB had become one of BEL’s largest shareholders, holding more than 26 percent of the company.

Today’s investment follows the same principle: investing in a strategic national asset that generates long-term value for Belize. Unlike the claims being circulated, the funding is not coming from SSB contributors but from the Consolidated Fund, which includes proceeds from the sale of hydro shares.

A few others of note are the Social Investment Fund (BSIF) and the BWSL procurement processes and/or contracts, which both parties have clarified via releases.

Belizeans deserve honest discussion, not political spin designed to create confusion. Investments that strengthen our energy sector, increase national ownership, and create long-term economic benefits should be evaluated on their merits rather than distorted for political gain.

If managed responsibly, this investment can help secure energy stability, generate returns for the country, and contribute to a stronger future for all Belizeans.

I am a PUP and one that looks for transparency and accountability. We are NOT incompetent and corrupt UDPs. PUPs Serve the People. All our people know that.

Sincerely,
J Ferguson

BOLEDO CONTINUES
STRENGTHENING OUR
COMMUNITIES BY:

Supporting Healthcare Through NHI

Investing in Sports Development

Giving Back to Belizean Communities

Supporting Social Causes

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UNITED WOMEN’S GROUP Chapters Swear-In



The Port Loyola, Queen Square and Albert UWG Chapters held swearing-ins for executive. Present were National President Carla Bradley, Area Representative for Port Loyola Gilroy Usher, Secretary General Collet Montejo, members of Party Arms and supporters of the People’s United Party.

The United Women’s Group continues to see interest in serving the people via this arm of the People’s United Party—UWG.

MoECST-IDB-GPE LAUNCH For Students with Special Needs

Inclusive Education Coach Training For 500 Teachers

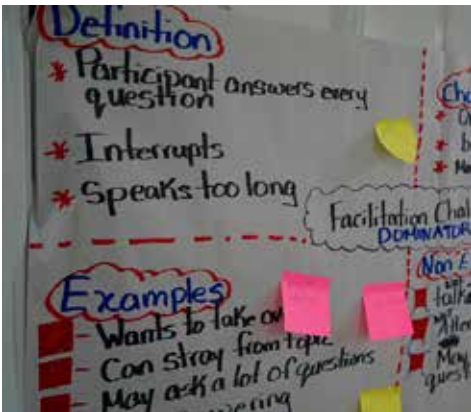
June 17, 2026 - The Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Technology (MoECST), in partnership with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) under the Skills for the Future Program, has launched an ambitious nationwide initiative to strengthen inclusive education across Belize. The program will train 500 teachers in Inclusive Education practices and the development of Individual Education Plans (IEPs), beginning with a foundational cohort of 55 teachers and Special Education Officers who will be certified as Special and Inclusive Education Coaches.

The inaugural training is currently underway, bringing together participants from across the country for a week-long in-person intensive session held at the University of Belize in Belmopan and at the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Institute in Belize City. Following the in-person sessions, coaches will continue their professional development through online classes and structured mentoring, ensuring sustained support and skill development.

These newly trained coaches will serve as a critical resource network throughout Belize, providing guidance and support to classroom teachers working with students with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in inclusive settings. The coach model is designed to build local capacity that will ripple outward — equipping hundreds of teachers across the country with the tools and knowledge to create more equitable, accessible learning environments.

This initiative reflects Belize’s commitment to inclusive education as a fundamental right, in alignment with international frameworks and sustainable development goals. The IDB’s ‘Skills For The Future Program’, with grant funding from GPE, provides the technical and financial support that makes this national scale-up possible.

The full training program is expected to reach 500 teachers nationwide, with the newly certified coaches playing a central role in training delivery, mentoring, and ongoing classroom support. (release)



NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION (NEMO) INVITATION TO BID

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE SUPPLIES

The National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO), acting through the Ministry of the Public Service, Governance and Disaster Risk Management, hereby invites eligible and qualified bidders to submit sealed bids for the **Supply and Delivery of Humanitarian Emergency Response Supplies** for the period **July 20, 2026 to August 14, 2026**. The bidding will be conducted on a Lot basis under the following categories:

LOT NO.	CATEGORY
1	Emergency Family Food Package
2	Family Hygiene Kit
3	Household Cleaning Items
4	Foam Mattresses
5	Purified Water

All interested bidders may contact the National Emergency Coordinator of the National Emergency Management Organization at the address below to obtain, in person, the **complete package of the bidding documents**, or download the bid package free of charge from procurement.gov.bz. There are no fees for the bidding documents. Bidders must meet the minimum requirements as indicated in the **Instructions to Bidders**.

The Tender Package must be collected from the National Emergency Coordinator of the National Emergency Management Organization at the address provided below during normal working hours. All tender submissions must be returned to the address below no later than **10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 19, 2026**. Late bids will be rejected. All bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Securing Declaration** as specified in the Instructions to Bidders, together with the completed Specifications and Schedule of Requirements (Excel price file, all prices entered) on a USB flash drive inside the sealed bid.

On Friday, June 5, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. a pre-bid meeting will be held at the National Emergency Management Organization at the address provided below.

The address referred to above is:

National Emergency Coordinator
National Emergency Management Organization
Melhado Parade
City of Belmopan
Belize
Tel: (501) 822-2054 / 822-2058
Email: nemohqbmp@nemo.org.bz

SELECT SENIOR JUSTICES OF THE PEACE SPECIALIZED TRAINING
PROTECTION FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Belize City, Belize, June 11, 2026. The Attorney General's Ministry, in collaboration with the Belize Judiciary, the Family Court, and the Ministry of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs, officially commenced a two-day training programme for Select Senior Justices of the Peace at ITVET in Belize City. The initiative forms part of the im-

plementation of the Justices of the Peace (Amendment) Act, 2025, which introduces the designation of **Select Senior Justices of the Peace** and empowers qualified officers to issue emergency Interim Protection Orders in specific circumstances when a magistrate is unavailable. The opening ceremony featured re-

marks from Hon. Anthony Sylvestre, Attorney General of Belize; Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez, Minister of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs; Hon. Danny Madrid, Sr., President of the Justice of the Peace Association; Hon. Shanti Morrison-Novelo, Director of the Family Court; and concluding

remarks by Her Worship, Chief Magistrate Deborah Rogers. The comprehensive training programme equips Select Senior Justices of the Peace with the legal knowledge, procedural guidance, and trauma-informed practices necessary to carry out their responsibilities effectively. Participants will receive instruction on the legal framework governing Interim Protection Orders, the scope and limits of their authority, record-keeping obligations, communication with vulnerable persons, and the practical procedures for processing emergency applications. The introduction of Select Senior Justices of the Peace helps address a critical gap in access to protection by allowing emergency Interim Protection Orders to be issued in urgent situations, including outside normal court hours, during court closures, or when immediate access to a magistrate is not reasonably possible. This initiative reflects the Government of Belize's continued commitment to strengthening the justice system, enhancing protection mechanisms for survivors of domestic violence, and ensuring that vulnerable individuals have timely and effective legal safeguards. (release)

LETTER
TO THE Editor

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Building Peace Through Opportunity

Dear Editor,

The recent murders and acts of violence across our country have left many Belizeans saddened and concerned about the future of our communities. Every life lost is a tragedy, and every grieving family reminds us that violence affects us all. While law enforcement has an important role to play, lasting peace requires more than arrests and investigations. It requires communities coming together to reject violence and embrace hope. We must encourage our young people to choose a different path, one built on education, employment, and positive community involvement. This Briceño Administration philosophy views education as the foundation of national development, treating it as a major investment to build a skilled and informed population. This highlights the importance of strengthening the education systems to develop human capital, reduce inequality, and support long-term growth. We are also integrating work and study, allowing students to gain practical experience while learning, which could help our people better align education with labor market needs (STEAM). By focusing on vocational training and specialized skills, Belize can prepare workers for key sectors such as tourism, agriculture, healthcare, and technology. These demonstrate the value of investing in our people, which provides them with principles that support economic development, innovation, and employment opportunities. Today, there are more opportunities available than many realize. From skills training programs and educational grants to jobs in construction, tourism, agriculture, business assistance via the MSME Program, and the growing service sector, avenues exist for those willing to work toward a better future. We must ensure our youth know that their future is worth more than the temporary gains offered by crime. Families, churches, schools, businesses, and community organizations all have a role to play in strengthening the values of respect, responsibility, and compassion. Being our neighbor's keeper is not just a saying—it is a responsibility. Belize has overcome many challenges throughout its history. We are a resilient people. If we stand together, support one another, and continue creating opportunities for our citizens, we can build safer communities and a more peaceful nation. The Belize we want is possible, and together we can make it a reality for this generation and those yet to come.



PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

*** Fourth Offer ***

BY ORDER OF THE CHARGEE HOLY REDEEMER CREDIT UNION LIMITED,
a Licensed Public Auctioneer will sell on site the following property at the time as listed.

At Parcel 1201 Biscayne Village, Belize District on Friday, July 3, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

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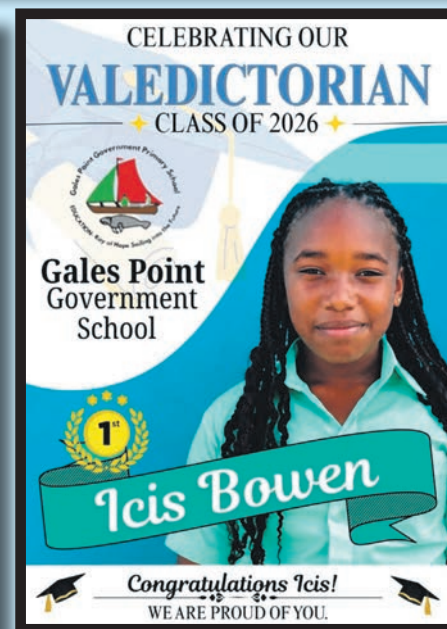
ALL THAT piece or parcel of land comprising 5.323 Hectare(s) being Parcel 1201, Block 11 in the Belize Rural North II Registration Section situate in the Biscayne Village, Belize District, Belize **TOGETHER** with all buildings and erections standing and being thereon, the freehold property of **JING FENG LEE**.

DATED this 15th day of June 2026

All sales are strictly cash and deemed final. For more information contact:
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Phone: (501) 280-5644
Fax: (501) 223-0738
E-mail: foreclosures@hrcubelize.org
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hrcuforeclosure/>

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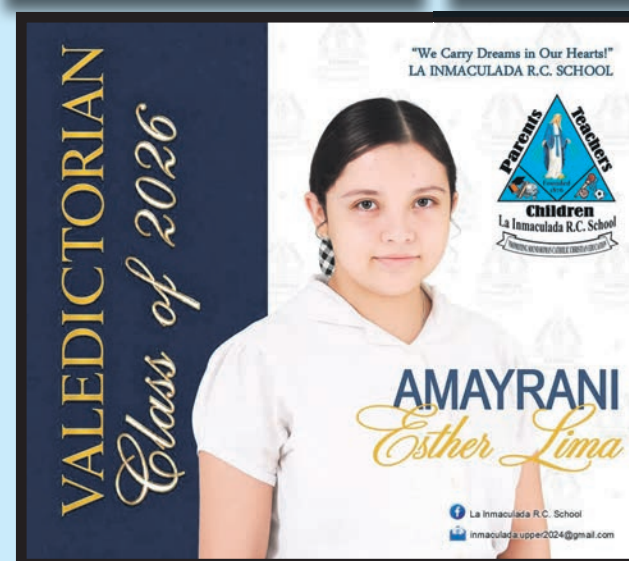
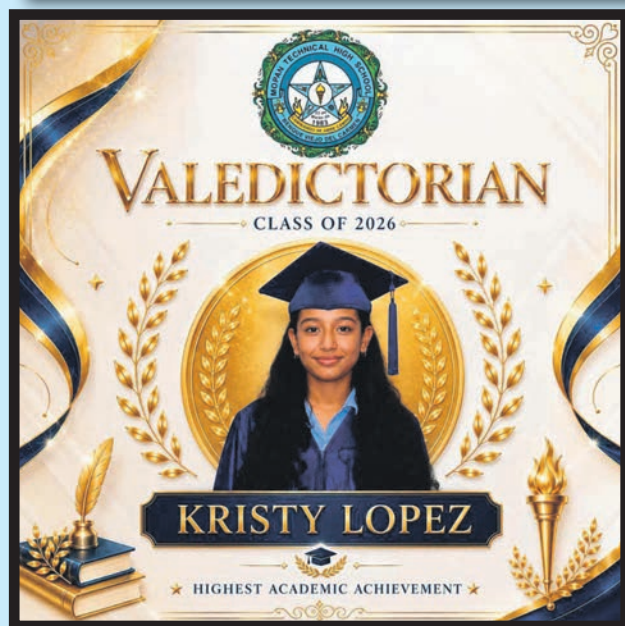
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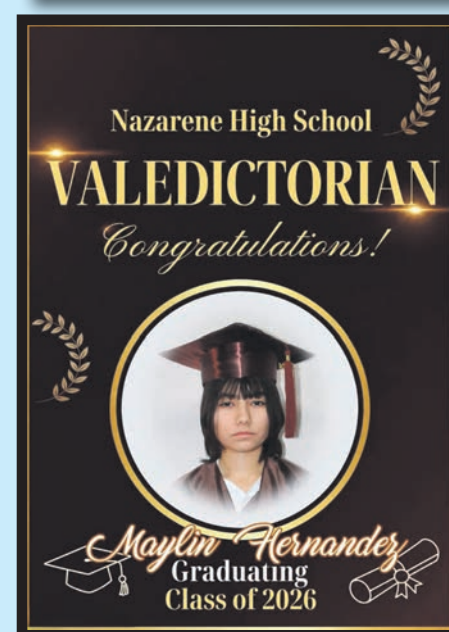
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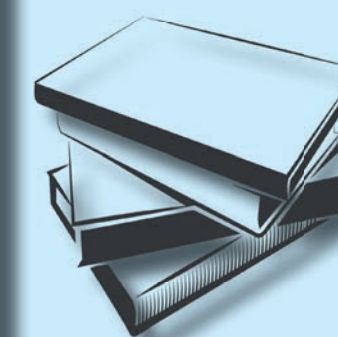
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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**CONSTRUCTION OF A ROUNDABOUT AT THE JUNCTION OF THE
HUMMINGBIRD HIGHWAY AND THE TV RAMOS HIGHWAY**

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH), intends to execute the Construction of a Roundabout at the Junction of the Hummingbird Highway and the TV Ramos Highway in the Stann Creek District.

Provided there are no delays, Works are expected to start within a month. The MIDH hereby invites interested contractors with experience in concrete pavement construction to be part of this bidding process.

The Scope of Works will include:

- Site Clearance
- Demolition
- Scarification of existing pavement
- Embankment Works
- Earthworks - subgrade, subbase, and base layers
- Concrete Pavement Construction
- Construction of standard Bus Shed
- Road Marking and Furniture

The Project is being implemented by the MIDH, Project Execution Unit (PEU). An Engineering Coordinator within the PEU will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities.

Consideration will be given to local firms who have qualified extensive experience in road and street construction of a similar size and complexity.

Minimum Qualification Criteria:

- General Construction Experience: 3 Years
- Specific Construction Experience in Concrete Pavement Construction



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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**DEMOLITION AND DISPOSAL OF THE OLD DISTRIBUTOR BUILDING IN BELIZE
CITY NEAR TO THE SWING BRIDGE**

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH), hereby invites interested bidders to submit a financial proposal for the Demolition and Disposal of the old Distributor Building in Belize City near to the Swing Bridge.

In your proposal, kindly submit prices for the following:

- Complete demolition of the existing building
- Removal and disposal of all waste materials
- Installation of security/safety perimeter fence along the extent of the works, especially along North Front Street

A site visit will be carried out on **Thursday 25 June 2026 at 9:00am** at the foot of the Swing Bridge (near to the former Bottom Dollar property).

All financial proposals should reach the office of the Chief Engineer / Engineering Coordinator at the address below no later than **Friday 3 July 2026 at 10:00 am**. Late submissions will not be accepted under any circumstances. The Ministry shall not accept responsibility for any costs incurred by the applicants.

Attention: **Mr. Evondale Moody**

Chief Engineer / Engineering Coordinator
Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing
Power Lane
Belmopan
BELIZE C.A.

Tel: +501-828-5221

Email: peu@midh.gov.bz

Ministry Addresses Soldier Creek Bridge Flooding

On June 10 and 11, a flooding event affected a section of the Coastal Highway near Soldier Creek. Over a period of less than twenty-four (24) hours, the area received more than twelve (12) inches of rainfall resulting in a flash flood event that exceeded water levels observed during a similar occurrence approximately two years ago on June 15 and 16, 2024. The intensity and duration of this event caused overtopping of the roadway and localized erosion of a section of the approach to the Soldier Creek Bridge.



Immediately following the event, the Ministry mobilized crews to restore access and stabilize the affected area. Temporary repairs have been completed, and traffic has been restored.

The Coastal Plain Highway contract was signed in December 2019. It was designed by the internationally recognized engineering firm Politecnica Ingegneria and constructed by Imer Hernandez Development Company Ltd. Politecnica also served as the Supervision Consultant, independently monitoring construction quality and compliance throughout implementation. The project was constructed in accordance with the approved engineering designs and technical specifications. No works were omitted, reduced or improperly executed.



Following detailed assessments conducted by the Ministry's engineers, there is no indication of a design failure. What occurred was an extreme weather event, likely made worse by land use changes and deforestation within portions of the watershed.

The recommended permanent solution is the extension of concrete pavement along the remaining approaches to the Soldier Creek Bridge. Concrete pavement provides significantly greater resistance to erosion and hydraulic forces during overtopping events and is expected to substantially improve the long-term performance of this section of the highway.

Permanent remedial works will address approximately 678 feet of roadway and are expected to require four to six weeks to complete, subject to weather conditions.

As weather patterns become increasingly unpredictable, the MIDH encourages Belizeans to remain vigilant, particularly for flash flooding, which may impact low-lying communities and cause road closures. (release)



Government of Belize QUICK Response and Relief After Recent Rain Event

In a reprise of perpetual silly season, the Yellow dope takes over from the Manatee Bull and speeds over 100s of Miles of recently paved highways to stop at a section no longer than his brains to TikTok a little. Jeez... a small area of a highway breaks under nature's powerfull duress and the UDP thinks...."Yes, we will win the upcoming elections in 3030."

In all seriousness, the rain that hit the south was crises time for Belize and its farmers and commuters. But somehow the UDP managed to

corrupt the relief that had to follow as Government moved with alacrity and competence to return lives to normalcy. And it did happen with minor loss. The Government via the MIDH has already fixed the area in 30ft in question much to the chagrin of the Yellow UDPs. They would have wanted the sections to be closed for weeks so that they could gain political points; there is no regard for the people of Belize.

The Government via the MIDH was quick to bring relief.



Invitation to Bid Construction and Equipment of Santa Elena Police Station and Kitchen N. ° CABEI-WKS-001-2147/2026 One Stage-One Envelope

Date: June 19, 2026

1. SOURCE OF RESOURCES

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), as part of the services it provides to its beneficiary partner countries, is granting total financing for the Procurement for the Construction and Equipment of Santa Elena Police Station and Kitchen, within the framework of the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP).

2. EXECUTING AGENCY AND CONTRACTING PARTY OF THE BIDDING PROCESS

- 2.1 The Ministry of Economic Transformation (MET) as the Executing Agency of the Contracting Party, intends to use a portion of the funds of this financing to make eligible payments under the Contract for which this Invitation to Bid is being issued.
- 2.2 The Belize Integral Security Programme, is responsible for the present Procurement Process for which it invites eligible construction companies to submit bids for this procurement in a sealed envelope.
- 2.3 The Contractor will be selected through international competition in accordance with the procedures of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration as established in the Procurement Policy for Procurement of Goods, Works, Services and Consultancies with CABEI resources and its Regulations, which can be found on the following web site: <https://www.bcie.org>.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

- 3.1 General Objectives of the Procurement is for the Construction and Equipment of Santa Elena Police Station and Kitchen in the Cayo District.
- 3.2 The Contracting Party makes available to interested parties all the documentation related to this Procurement necessary for the preparation of bids.
Such information will be available free of charge:
 - a. Bidding package can be requested from the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP), Project Executing Unit, 1904 Constitution Drive, 2nd Floor, Unit # 3, Belmopan City, at: santaelena_wks001.bisp@met.gov.bz and copy: projectcoordinator.bisp@met.gov.bz and projectengineer.bisp@met.gov.bz and adminassistant.bisp@met.gov.bz
- 3.3 Bids must be submitted to the address indicated below no later than 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday August 5, 2026.

Electronic submission of bids **will not be** permitted. No late bids will be accepted.

Bids shall be opened publicly, in the presence of the representatives designated by the Bidder and any person who decides to attend, at the address listed below on August 5, 2026, at 10:15 a. m.

- 3.4 All Bids must be accompanied by a **"Bid Maintenance Declaration"**.

The address mentioned above is:

Project Coordinator
Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP)
Programme Executing Unit
1904 Constitution Drive 2nd, Floor, Unit #3
Belmopan City, Belize C.A.

Tracy & UDP

Cannot Be Taken Seriously

There’s a popular hit from 2005 by Canadian singer-song-writer Daniel Powter which goes, “*You had a bad day...*” Well that’s exactly what Tracy and her sorry UDP bunch had at their latest press conference on Tuesday. A really bad day!

To start with, they couldn’t even figure out what millennium they’re in, as their lead senator talked about the UDP getting ready to take over Government in 3030. In other words, they expect to remain in Opposition for another 1,000 years or so. That by itself triggered a firestorm of ridicule across the social media landscape. One Facebook enthusiast commented, “*The way eh di goh, look like eh wa be till 4040.*”

Next up was their attention-seeking chairlady who tried a cute cartoon character joke that quickly backfired on her, reminding us of another popular tune from further back: “*I started a joke, which started the whole world crying, but I didn’t see that the joke was on me.*” That one was of course from the Bee Gees. And, Jeez, how couldn’t she had foreseen that one would backfire on her.

A popular social media outlet, Belize News Network, reported on the not-so-funny episode in a post titled, “BULLY GETS BULLIED - UDP POLITICIAN SHAMED BY BELIZEANS”. The article concluded, “*Sheena Pitts, UDP mouth piece, went on live television and took aim at the Commissioner of Police. But instead of rallying support for her personal attack, she found herself getting roasted in the court of public opinion.*”

Indeed, one of the online comments read, “*But da why Bugs Bunny the call people names. Gyal stop it.*” Another, “*Don’t throw stones if you’re living in a glass house!*” Yet another, “*She neva first look eena di mirror?*” Someone else exclaimed, “*Oops Sheena did it again!*” And, for good measure, “*Da all a unu at dat head table da cartoon characters!*”

Such comments, we would otherwise not have condoned, but as another Facebook blogger remarked, “*Da she start the war!*”

As to their Party Leader herself, when asked by the press what she would do differently if she ever becomes Prime Minister, rather than attempting to answer, chose to insult he bright female journalist who posed the fair and fitting question.

In the most condescending manner, the ever testy and threatened Tracy asked the luminous, young journalist, “*When did you start being a reporter?*” She went on to brag, “*I don’t know if you know much about me,*” and proceeded to rant and rave about all the high positions she held in Government under the past UDP Government. A meaningless,

self-aggrandizing tirade, offering nothing by way of any substantive response to the promising journalist’s intelligent and pertinent question.

The long and short of it all is that Tracy and her hapless bunch cannot be taken seriously. All they deserve is the fitting ridicule, derision and disdain they have been receiving across social media and around the country.

They had a bad day, a very bad day; indeed, a bad week. And the way things look, they might be having a bad millennium. See you all in 3030, Faber and company!

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BELIZEAN TERTIARY STUDENTS RECEIVE SUPPORT

Students across junior colleges receive an average of **\$1,000** in financial assistance to help continue their education journey.





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Ministry of Constitution & Religious Affairs, Indigenous Affairs & Transportation

Unit 2, 3rd Floor, 1902 Constitution Drive
Belmopan City, Belize
Tel. 501-822-2519, 828-5002
Email : PROfficer.myst@gobmail.gov.bz

June 4, 2026

INVITATION TO QUOTE No. 001/26

The **Constitution & Religious Affairs, Indigenous Affairs & Transportation** through the Department of Transport, kindly requests quotations Biometric Cards with serial number, License Plates, and Vehicle License Stickers.

The Ministry now extends an invitation to Suppliers to tender for the below listed items:

GOODS	QUANTITY
Biometric Cards with Serial Numbers	30,000
License Sticker	50,000
License Plates	13,000

Interested bidders may submit a complete set of bidding documents inclusive of Specifications to the below physical address. Bids must also include a copy of **Certificates of Good Standing** from the **Belize Companies Registry**, the **Belize Tax Service** and the **Belize Social Security Board**. (Kindly see full bidding documents at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17QyuCHUY5iEZXRVoDcVBECRUbId_ABc6?usp=drive_link)

The deadline for submission of sealed bids is Tuesday **23rd June 2026, at 12:00 noon**, via direct mail or hand delivered to the address indicated below:

Mr. Leon Gentle
Chief Transport Officer
Ministry of Constitution and Religious Affairs, Indigenous Affairs and Transportation
2nd Floor, William Tom Building, Mountain View Blvd.
Belmopan City, Belize C.A.
Ref: INVITATION TO QUOTE (No DOT 001/26)

Note that late submissions will be rejected.

Voice of the Common Man

A Multifaceted Approach Is Needed In The Fight Against Gun Violence

By Hilly Bennett

Tracy Taeger-Panton continues her nonsensical political rant, calling for the removal of the Minister of Police, Oscar Mira, and the Commissioner of Police, Dr Richard Rosado, from their respective positions. Her reasoning and the usual UDP rhetoric are that the crime and violence, specifically the senseless gun violence, are out of control. Once again, Shameless Tracy is seeking a political opportunity in her attempt to leverage a mother's pain of losing her son to gun violence to consolidate her political leadership.

The Leader of the Opposition (LOO) has conveniently forgotten that it was under the reign of thirteen years of terror from 2008 to 2020 that the most murders were committed. Both in 2012 and 2018, the Crime Observatory data revealed that under the Barrow administration, with John Saldivar as Minister of National Security with police responsibilities, the per capita rate was 145 intentional homicides and an intentional homicide rate of 42.5 percent per 100,000 inhabitants, with 2018 as the second highest year on record with 143 homicides.

The 2020 crime data indicates that the lowest murder rate occurred, with 102 murders being committed in 2020 and 83 in 2023, the former under the pandemic lockdown and the latter under the PUP Government. Although there has been a downward trend submitted by the Crime Observatory, the Prime Minister John Briceño has publicly noted that one death is one too many!

Undeniably, crime and violence remain a major problem for Belize, with the use of firearms and gang warfare contributing predominantly in the localised environs of South-side Belize. In an IDB paper on the crime and violence phenomenon in Belize and Central America and the Caribbean, it is considered complex and enmeshed in overlapping social, political, and economic factors, ranging from the geopolitics of drug law enforcement in the region to local gang retaliation to family violence behind closed doors. Concluding that there is no single intervention, no magic bullet, that can fully respond to or prevent all types

of crime and violence. The paper proffered that there is a need for a multifaceted and sustained approach targeting individuals, families, and communities, recommending a myriad of areas that need reform or strengthening.

Interestingly, the recommendations were published in an analysis conducted after the Community Action for Public Safety (CAPS) program in late 2015, a \$5M five-year multifaceted intervention funded by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). Instead of engaging with the recommendations, Tracy's UDP failed to act to alleviate the crime and violence situation in Belize. In 2018, the aforementioned year was the second deadliest in Belize. While her call for the removal of Hon. Oscar Mira and Commissioner Rosado is utterly unfounded and misplaced, Tracy does not offer a scintilla of a solution to the vicious cycle of violence, criticising the State of Emergency. Upon being kicked out of office, Sedi Elrington, the former UDP member for Pickstock, caustically criticised the UDP for failing the youths of Belize.

The government understands that the SOE is not a panacea for the occurrence of the vicious cycle of violence. However, the SOE serves as a pause on the situation and is merely one of the components of the crime-fighting toolkit. While the UDPs gravitate to their nonsensical gaslighting methodology that the sky is falling in and that the government is doing away with the Leadership Intervention Unit (LIU) which the government has put a pause on the program to repurpose and revamp so as to achieve meaningful results in the fight against the senseless incidence of gun violence. Undeniably, the situation needs the involvement of the community, residents, and parents to work together with the security forces, government agencies, and the private sector to alleviate the stifling anomaly. An adage suggests, it takes a village to raise a child; it takes a community to engage in the fight against the senseless, murderous activities... not the useless UDP rhetoric with no reasonable solution to break the vicious cycle of violence to heal.



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Vacancy Announcement

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL PROJECT COORDINATOR BELIZE
Only nationals or permanent residents of the country of the duty station are considered eligible.
Female candidates are encouraged to apply.

UNIDO welcomes applications from qualified persons with disabilities. Reasonable accommodation will be provided to applicants and employees with disabilities to support full participation in the recruitment process and in the performance of their duties.

ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is the specialized agency of the United Nations that promotes industrial development for poverty reduction, inclusive globalization and environmental sustainability. The mission of UNIDO is to promote and accelerate inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) in Member States.

PROJECT CONTEXT

Project 240163 "Industrial development and technology transfer among the Member States of the Caribbean Community."

UNIDO aims to contribute to industrial development and technology transfer among the CARICOM Member States with advanced technology and knowledge. The project will have three (3) pillars: 1) investment and business promotion, 2) technology transfer in the agro-industrial sector, and 3) industrial structure analysis and policy-making capacity development. The project will enhance the policymaking capacity of the Belizean policy ecosystem, and in particular that of Government of Belize. Apart from developing the policy capacity, the output, together with the Government of Belize, will produce an industrial policy focusing on green and blue economy.

The policy activities are structured in three main domains:

- 1) The setting up of policy infrastructure consisting of a Policy Support Unit (PSU), a coordination unit to ensure inter-ministerial policy alignment, and the creation of a stakeholder platform to ensure that all relevant stakeholders in the policy process are included and have a chance to influence the process.
- 2) Capacity building activities for evidence-based policy making, targeting all relevant stakeholders in the policymaking process. These activities may include awareness raising, technical training, study tours, and participation in international fora such as UNIDO's Multilateral Industrial Policy Forum (MIPF).
- 3) Direct policy advice with the goal of delivering an industrial policy, attendant policy instruments, policy implementation plan, and a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework. Importantly, these items will be produced by UNIDO together with the Government of Belize, to ensure capacity development through learning- by-doing techniques.

FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the direct supervision of the Project Manager and close cooperation with the project team in the HQ and field location including the Belize Ministry of Investment (Investment Policy and Compliance Unit) through its director, the expert will be responsible for the performance of the following main duties:

- Lead the development of Belize's green and blue Industrial Policy, including attendant policy instruments and policy implementation plan with budget estimate, and an M&E framework with pertinent KPIs in alignment with UNIDO methodologies, international best practice and national policy priorities;
- Coordinate the execution of all activities leading to the successful drafting of the industrial policy based on established strategic goals for Belize, including quality control and monitoring; drafting and assist in coordinating the dissemination of press releases, media appearances and presentations to stakeholders of project activities;
- Conduct economic and industrial sector analysis to inform policy; recommendations;
- Support the UNIDO Project Manager in the recruitment of a national analytical policy support team comprised of 2-3 national experts. This includes preparation of ToRs for prospective team members, onboarding and operationalization of the team;
- Prepare reports (e.g. mid-term) and technical documentation related to the development process of the green and blue industrial policy;

Concrete/measurable Outputs to be achieved are:

- Final draft of Belize's green and blue industrial policy, set of attendant policy instruments, policy implementation plan, and monitoring and evaluation framework delivered.
- Project activities, implemented in close collaboration with national counterparts at a high standard and with results- based approach.
- Analytical policy team established and operational.

MINIMUM ORGANIZATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Education: Advanced university degree (master's degree or equivalent) in economics, development studies, public policy, or other relevant discipline is **required**.

Technical and Functional Experience:

- At least seven (7) years of professional experience in coordinating the implementation of development/technical cooperation programmes/projects/policy formulation, is **required**.
- Strong understanding of Belize's economic structure, productive sectors, and policy environment or similar country in the region is **required**.
- Experience in evidence-based analysis, industrial policy, or sector development is **required**.
- Knowledge and familiarity of UNIDO's industrial policy methodology is desirable.
- Experience in policy formulation is **required**.
- Proven ability to coordinate teams and manage policy research processes is **desirable**.
- Experience/knowledge of other development agencies, donor communities, private sectors, government and relevant institutions in the country, or similar country in the region is **desirable**.

Languages: Fluency in written and spoken English is required. Fluency and/or working knowledge of Spanish is **desirable**.

Contract Duration: 21 working days per month (12 months)

Application deadline: 11-Jun-2026, 11:59 PM (Vienna, Austria time)

Visit the UNIDO website for details on how to apply: www.unido.org

<https://careers.unido.org/job/Belize-National-Project-Coordinator/1347578655/>

Should you have any questions concerning persons or companies claiming to be recruiting on behalf of UNIDO and requesting payment of a fee, please contact: recruitment@unido.org.

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Ministry of Investment

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TENDER NOTICE
Request for Bids (RFB) for Non-Consulting Services

PROVISION OF SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE SERVICES FOR THE
BELIZE SENIOR COURTS AND RELATED FACILITIES

The Senior Courts of Belize invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified licensed security companies for the provision of general security, surveillance, and related security support services for the Belize Senior Courts and associated facilities, for a period of two (2) years, commencing **1st August, 2026 – 31st July, 2028**

The security services shall cover the following locations and assignment:

1. **Senior Court Building** - Belize City

2. **Old Treasury Building** -Belize City

3. **Court of Appeal and Supreme Court Law Library Building** - Belize City

4. **Old National Bank Building** -Belize City
5. **Chief Justice’s Residence** – Belize City

6. **Residences of the Justices of the Senior Courts** (7) – Belize City

7. **Residences of the Justices of the Senior Courts** (2) – Belmopan City

8. **Daily bank deposits for the General Registry Department** – Belize City

Scope of Services

The services shall include, but not be limited to, access control, surveillance, monitoring of assigned premises, protection of personnel and property, incident reporting, crowd control where necessary, support to court security operations, and secure escort services for daily bank deposits.

Except for the daily bank deposits for the General Registry Department, all security services required under this tender shall be provided by unarmed security personnel. Armed security shall be required only for the daily bank deposit assignment. The winning company will be required to submit valid police records for all listed/ proposed guards under this contract.

The successful bidder shall be required to provide security and surveillance services as follows:

NO	Location/Assignment	Type of Security	Number of Guards	Days Required	Hours Required
1	Senior Court Building	Unarmed	7 Guards	Monday to Friday	6:00am to 6:00pm
		Unarmed	2 Guards	7 Days per Week	6:00pm to 6:00am
		Unarmed	2 Guards	Weekends	6:00am to 6:00pm
2	Old Treasury Building	Unarmed	3 Guards	Monday to Friday	6:00am to 6:00pm
		Unarmed	2 Guards	7 Days per week	6:00pm to 6:00am
3	Old Treasury Building Cashier	Unarmed	1 Guard	Monday to Thursday	8:00am to 5:00pm
		Unarmed	1 Guard	Friday	8:00am to 4:30pm
4	Old National Bank Building	Unarmed	2 Guards	7 Days per week	24-hour Security
5	Chief Justice's Residence	Unarmed	1 Guard	7 Days per week	24-hour Security
6	Residence of the Justices of the Senior Courts	Unarmed	7 Guards (Belize City) 2 Guards (Belmopan City)	7 Days per week	12-hour Security (6pm to 6am)
7	Daily Bank Deposits for the General Registry Department	Armed Escort/Service	Daily	Daily (Not Including Public and Bank Holidays)	For secure movement and deposit of funds

The coverage requirements stated above include public and bank holidays. Bidders must, therefore, ensure that their proposed staffing plan and financial proposal fully account for service requirements on such days.

Eligibility and Minimum Requirements

Interested bidders must submit evidence of the following requirements:

1. **A company profile** outlining the company’s history, expertise, and qualifications, years of operation.

2. Valid **Trade License** (where applicable)

3. **Certificate of Incorporation/Detailed Extract**

4. Valid **Certificates of Good Standing** from the Belize Tax Service, the Social Security Board and the Belize Companies and Corporate Affairs Registry

5. **A list of proposed armed personnel** with their valid **firearm licences** for the **bank deposit assignment**

6. Employer’s **Liability Insurance**

7. Public Liability and/or Third-Party Liability Insurance (Related to the duties carried out by Security Personnel)

8. **A list of contracts** with **existing** or previous customers with whom similar work has been conducted, particularly from government agencies or other large companies/ organizations detailing **period of service; description of service.**

9. List three (3) reference letters from past clients with contact information.

10. Proposed methodology of supervision and reporting arrangements (**Work schedule and approach, including staffing and deployment plan for all locations, guard capacity, and armed security capacity for daily bank deposits and emergency response and incidental reporting procedures.**)

11. **Financial proposal** showing the cost of services for the full two-year period in line with template below. **Inclusive of contract tax and GST**

Site Visits

Bidders may be required to visit the facilities to be guarded to properly assess the requirements and prepare their bids. The cost incurred to visit the facilities and to prepare and submit bids shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder.

Submission of Bids

Bids must be submitted for the entire scope of services. Bids submitted for partial scope of services will be disqualified.

Bid prices must be in Belize Dollars and include all applicable taxes.

Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked:

“BID FOR SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE BELIZE SENIOR COURTS AND RELATED FACILITIES”

One(1) original and two (2) copies of Bids must be delivered no later than: **Friday 19th June, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. Belize Time to:**

Finance Officer
Belize Senior Courts
Treasury Lane
Belize City, Belize

Late bids will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.
The lowest-priced bid will not necessarily be accepted.

Clarifications

Requests for clarification must be submitted by email to **financeofficer@belizejudiciary.org** no later than

Reservation of Rights

The Senior Court reserves the right to cancel this tender process at any time without providing any explanation and without incurring any cost.

GOB INVESTING IN BELIZE ENERGY SECTOR A BUY-IN, NOT A BAILOUT!

The Government of Belize introduced, during a special sitting in Parliament on June 4, 2026, the Belize Electricity Investment Bill 2026. Hon John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize, presented the proposed legislation authorising the government's acquisition of 8.1 million convertible redeemable preference shares in the Belize Electricity Limited (BEL). During the parliamentary sitting, PM Briceno told the House that the proposed investment aims to ensure that this vital utility remains financially stable and capable of meeting the country's future energy needs.

Historically, Belize has been dependent on imported energy from Mexico's Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE), which forms part of 44% of imported energy generation. However, as explained by the present Executive Chairman of BEL, the existing problem is that CFE could not supply because of their internal in-country supply demand. Resulting in BEL being forced to purchase energy at a higher cost and BEL having to sell for far less. Rationalising that the government should invest more in Belize's energy sector. Executive Chairman Lynn Young submitted that Belize has not increased its energy capacity. Hence, the importance of the Bill.

Interestingly, before the former CEO of BEL, John Mencias, left office, he indicted the UDP for failing to invest in providing more energy generation. He publicly indicated that the root cause of Belize's severe energy capacity failures predates the PUP Government. Rolling blackouts were a systemic stagnation that started in 2013 and landed in the laps of the Briceño administration in 2020. Notwithstanding, the

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) requested an increase in energy capacity to 75 megawatts, but only 8 megawatts were added to the grid.

Disappointingly, instead of the Leader of the Opposition considering the Investment Bill as a buy-in, Shameless Tracy is calling it a bailout. In her attempt to gaslight the masses, she insinuated that the money would come from the Social Security Board (SSB), knowing that the government would be investing the money from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Hydro shares that were sold. The LOO lauded Dean Barrow for investing SSB money in stabilising the energy sector in 2012; however, in 2017, **the UDP drew from SSB BZD \$15 million for budgetary support.** Economists and policymakers advise that using Social Security funds for budgetary support is widely considered bad policy because it undermines the financial integrity of the retirement system. Diverting these funds jeopardises future promised benefits and shifts the burden on future taxpayers. Barrow called it a "sure-fire investment". However, if SSB needs the money back, the government must raise taxes, cut spending, or borrow heavily from the public purse to pay for it.

Tracy is a "Hot air Balloon" spewing a lot of 'bull', yet delivering zilch, nicat, nada, nothing!

By Hilly Bennett

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1

Ensure drinking water is from a safe source

2

Don't allow children to play in debris

3

Avoid wires and unstable structures

4

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5

If evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe

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1

Asegurese de que el agua potable provenga de una fuente segura

2

No permita que los niños jueguen entre escombros

3

Evite cables y estructuras inestables

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5

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Belize Social Investment Fund Sets the Record Straight

Response to Misleading & Unsubstantiated Claims
“committed to maintaining the highest standards”

June 11th, 2026 RELEASE, Belmopan, Belize — The Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) has become aware of a social media post containing allegations regarding the award of contracts to a particular contractor under projects implemented through the Fund. BSIF categorically rejects any suggestion of favoritism, improper influence, or preferential treatment in the award of contracts and expresses deep concern over the dissemination of inaccurate and misleading information that has the potential to damage the reputation of the institution and the confidence of the public, development partners, contractors, and beneficiaries.

BSIF is a statutory body entrusted with the implementation of development projects on behalf of the Government of Belize and is funded through partnerships with various multilateral development banks. As such, all procurement activities are conducted under stringent procurement, fiduciary, financial management, auditing, and oversight frameworks established by these institutions and are subject to multiple layers of review and accountability.

Contrary to the assertions being circulated, under the procurement frameworks governing BSIF-financed projects, contracts exceeding prescribed thresholds are subject to open competitive tendering, ensuring broad market access, transparency, and equal opportunity for all eligible firms. Procurement opportunities are publicly advertised and evaluated against pre-defined technical, financial, legal, and administrative criteria.

Consequently, contract awards are based on responsiveness and value for money considerations rather than bidder identity, resulting in awards being distributed among a diverse pool of contractors that have successfully met the requirements of competitive procurement processes across multiple project cycles and sectors.

Furthermore, all procurement processes undertaken by BSIF are documented and subject to rigorous review mechanisms, including:

- Independent evaluation committees;
- Internal management review;
- Procurement oversight by financing institutions where applicable;
- External audits conducted by independent auditors;
- Financial management reviews and fiduciary assessments; and
- Monitoring missions by development partners.

These controls exist specifically to prevent the type of misconduct being alleged and to ensure that



public and development resources are utilized responsibly and transparently.

The Belize Social Investment Fund remains committed to maintaining the highest standards of governance, fiduciary responsibility, and procurement integrity in all aspects of its operations. (release)

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Carbohydrates

Foods that contain carbohydrates are broken down into sugar when eaten. It is important to know what foods contain carbohydrates. These include: fruits, dairy, grains and legumes, staples & sweets

Diabetes Diet Tips

- ◆ Eat three meals a day at regular times and not more than four hours apart. You may benefit from healthy snacks in between meals.
- ◆ Choose healthy and ideal portions of food.
- ◆ Limit the intake of sugar such as regular soft drinks, honey, candies, syrups, etc. Use artificial sweetener.
- ◆ Eat whole grains such as brown rice, whole wheat bread or tortilla, corn and oats instead of white (refined) grains
- ◆ Choose low fat meats and poultry such as chicken, turkey and lean beef. Remove all visible fat and skin before cooking.
- ◆ Limit fried foods. Prepare foods by steaming, boiling, grilling or baking.
- ◆ Limit salt intake. Use natural herbs and spices such as: cilantro, celery, etc.
- ◆ Drink more water daily

HON. GILROY USHER DELIVERS ANOTHER NEW STREET IN PORT

Residents of Port Loyola, as well as pedestrians and motorists are happy for a new street which connects Jr. St and Freedom St Ext.



New street in Port Loyola connects Jr St. with Freedom St Ext.

The street, which is being built by Hon Gilroy Usher Area Representative for the division with the support of MIDH, is part of the ongoing effort of the Area Representative to open the divisions with new streets which make it easier for persons to develop their properties and travel throughout the community.

Over the past year, Area Representative Hon Gilroy Usher has built close to 10 new streets for his constituency .

Work has also started to link Q.S. St with Justice St in the division.



Robert Lambey and Hon Gilroy Usher meet on new street in Port



Chris Garcia and Hon Gilroy Usher on new street in Port



Work has begun to connect QS. St with Justice St off Freedom St

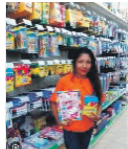
THE NEW PORT LOYOLA



By Hon Gilroy Usher

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- 1 Youths see the power of education
- 2 Residents working across the nation
- 3 Quality housing stock our commitment
- 4 Major streets improvement is betterment
- 5 Young persons into positivity
- 6 Ready for the new health facility
- 7 Location for the modern port for sure
- 8 Port Loyola for convenience no more



II

- 1 We support the budget and pay tax
- 2 For more inviting playgrounds we must act
- 3 From the pot we all deserve a fair share
- 4 It was decades of neglect with no care
- 5 Reject all ploys and crumbs from any hand
- 6 More local owned businesses is the plan
- 7 Keeping money with the people is core
- 8 Port Loyola for convenience no more



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE	
COSMETOLOGY 101 Learn. Create. Enhance. Build your future in beauty!	BEGINNER ACRYLIC NAIL COURSE July 13-17, 2026 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
	MAKE-UP 101 July 13-17, 2026 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
	ADVANCED MAKE-UP TECHNIQUES July 21-24, 2026 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
THE ART OF CARTONERIA (ARMENIA VILLAGE)	July 13-24, 2026 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
YOUTH WELLNESS & MASSAGE COURSE	Every Saturday Begins July 18, 2026 12-WEEK COURSE 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
TEEN SWIM FUNDAMENTALS & FIRST AID CAMP	July 13-24, 2026 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
DIGITAL MARKETING 101	July 21-24, 2026 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
BOT BUILDERS CAMP	July 27-31, 2026 Morning: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Afternoon: 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
EXPRESSIVE ARTS & SPOKEN WORD CAMP	July 27-31, 2026 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION
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NEBL 2026 PLAYOFFS

4 TEAMS ON CHAMPIONSHIP QUEST

The 2026 National Elite Basketball League (NEBL) Regular Season concluded, and the games are on with the playoffs as the league’s top four teams prepare to battle for the NEBL Championship. The League extends its sincere congratulations to all seven teams that participated in the 2026 season. The commitment, competitiveness, and passion displayed throughout the regular season have helped elevate the level of basketball across Belize and provided fans with an exciting season of action.

Following fourteen weeks of competition, the final playoff seeding’s are as follows:

- #1 Belize City Defenders
- #2 Orange Walk Running Rebels
- #3 Cayo Western Ballaz
- #4 San Pedro Tiger Sharks



The Running Rebels and Western Ballaz are currently tied as the Ballaz won the first of the three game set with an 86-68 score. The Second game ended much closer with Rebels edging out the Ballaz in a very contested 70-66 score. The third game that opens the finals berth is on Saturday June 20. All are invited.



While the top seed seed squeaked out an 85-84 win in Game 1 of their series, Game 2 this coming Friday June 19 will either force the third game or set the stage for an battle between the top seed and Rebels/Ballaz. The only way to know is to be at the Civic Centre.

The NEBL release informed us that the Belize City Defenders secured the #1 seed and home-court advantage throughout the playoffs after finishing atop the standings, while the Orange Walk Running Rebels claimed the #2 seed. The Cayo Western Ballaz and San Pedro Tiger Sharks earned the #3 and #4 seeds respectively to complete the playoff field. The League also recognized the efforts of EZ Investment Griga Dream Ballers, Belmopan Trojans, and Corozal Spartans for their participation and contribution to the success of the 2026 season.

More details revealed to the public that The Semi-Finals will be played in a best-of-three format featuring the following Matchups: #1 Belize City Defenders vs #4 San Pedro Tiger Sharks and the #2 Belikin Orange Walk Running Rebels vs #3 Cayo Western Ballaz .



Note the remaining games of 2026 NEBL Playoff Schedule on the flyer with the Finals dates, venues and game times. The winners of each Semi-Final series will advance to the NEBL Finals, which will be played in a best-of-five format beginning on June 26.

With four deserving teams remaining, fans can expect highly competitive matchups featuring some of the league’s top players and organizations. Every possession will matter as teams pursue the ultimate goal of being crowned NEBL Champions. The NEBL encourages basketball fans across Belize to come out and support their teams throughout the post-season and help create an exciting playoff atmosphere worthy of Belize’s premier basketball competition.

The teams are on the road to the 2026 NEBL Championship, trophies, perpetual bragging right and of course Champions \$70,000 cash prize and 2nd Place (Runners-up): \$30,000 cash. The fans win all the entertainment possible. Let’s seek enjoyment in sports.

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **Eric E. Chee** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **“Servicell Belize”** located at # 7 Douglas Jones Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Leidy Y. Ramos** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **“Palitos Kitchen”** located at # 643 Cemetery Rd., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rigoberto C. Patt** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **“Patt Seafood Shop”** located in Bullet Tree Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Eber A. Zepeda** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **“Champions Point Restaurant”** located at Harmonyville, G.P. Hwy., Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Icaza Belize Trust Corporation Limited

Registered Agent

NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the following companies has been struck off the Register of Companies and dissolved with effect from the date indicated:

Name of Company	Date
EAST OCEAN LTD.	03 rd June, 2026
VIEW MIGHTY INC.	03 rd June, 2026

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